

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 3, 15, and 24 are requested to be cancelled.

Claims 1, 14, and 21 are currently being amended.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-2, 4-14, 16-23, and 25 are now pending in this application.

Elections/Restrictions

Applicants hereby confirms the oral election made with traverse to Group I, claims 1-25. Group II, claims 26-30, are withdrawn from consideration.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-9, 11-12, and 14-25

On page 4 of the Office Action, Claims 1-9, 11-12, and 14-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,498,861 (Hamid et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,070,159 (Wilson et al.). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. Hamid et al. in view of Wilson et al. does not disclose, teach, or suggest Applicants' claimed invention as recited in claims 1-9, 11-12, and 14-25.

To advance prosecution, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 3, independent claim 14 to include the limitations of claim 15, and

independent claim 21 to include the limitations of claim 24. Because the amendments incorporate subject matter of other previously-pending claims, a new search should not be necessary. Further, because none of the references cited by the Examiner disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed invention recited in independent claims 1, 14, and 21, as amended, the rejections should be withdrawn.

On page 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner argues that:

As to claims 3, 15, Wilson teaches “including time information with the captured media, biometric, and database information associated with an individual to create a multi-modal chronological dossier of the individual” at col. 5, lines 30-43.

Applicants respectfully disagree. Col. 5, lines 30-43 of Wilson et al. does not describe any “time information” at all. Indeed, there is no suggestion whatsoever of the creation of a “multi-modal chronological dossier.” Col. 5, lines 30-43 of Wilson et al. states:

As illustrated in FIG. 2, and as generally understood as being the server side 100 of the network, each of the plurality of biometric data groups 25 also includes a plurality of biometric records 12 each having at least one subject identifier, such as social security number, driver's license number, or other system assigned unique number, at least one biometric index, and biometric data. Each data group also preferably has a full range of biometric indexes. The full range is at least 90% of the full range of indexes or index values and, more preferably, at least 99% of the full range of indexes. The biometric data, for example, can be fingerprints or other biometric data that is scanned into a database 20 by a biometric scanner 11 which is preferably positioned at the client 15 in the network.

Nothing in this section suggests “time information” or creation of a “multi-modal chronological dossier.” As amended, Claim 1 recites:

including time information with the captured media, biometric, and database information associated with an individual to create a multi-modal chronological dossier of the individual;

As amended, Claim 14 recites:

means for including time information with the captured media, biometric, and database information associated with an individual to create a multi-modal chronological dossier of the individual;

As amended, Claim 21 recites:

assign timing information to the captured media, biometric, and database information associated with the individual;

Claims 2-9 depend from Claim 1, Claims 15-20 depend from Claim 14, and Claims 22-25 depend from Claim 21. Dependent claims require all of the limitations recited by their independent or base claim.

As the Examiner knows, a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) cannot be properly maintained when the references do not combine to disclose, suggest, or teach each and every limitation of the rejected claims. Hamid et al. and Wilson et al. do not combine to disclose, suggest, or teach each and every limitation of the rejected claims. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-9, 11-12, and 14-25.

Claim 10

On page 8 of the Office Action, Claim 10 is rejected to under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,498,861 (Hamid et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,070,159 (Wilson et al.), and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,505,193 (Musgrave et al.). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. Hamid et al., Wilson et al., and Musgrave et al. (alone or in combination) do not disclose, teach, or suggest the Applicants' claimed invention recited in claim 10.

Claim 10 depends from claim 1. Claim 1 requires: "including time information with the captured media, biometric, and database information associated with an individual to create a multi-modal chronological dossier of the individual." None of Hamid et al., Wilson et al., and

Musgrave et al. taken alone or as a combination provide any suggestion of including time information with captured media, biometric, and database information to create a multi-modal chronological dossier of the individual. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 10.

Claim 13

On page 8 of the Office Action, Claim 13 is rejected to under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,498,861 (Hamid et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,070,159 (Wilson et al.), and further in view of U.S. Publication No. 2001/0056434 (Kaplan et al.). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. Hamid et al., Wilson et al., and Kaplan et al. (alone or in combination) do not disclose, teach, or suggest the Applicants' claimed invention recited in claim 10.

Claim 13 depends from claim 1. Claim 1 requires: "including time information with the captured media, biometric, and database information associated with an individual to create a multi-modal chronological dossier of the individual." None of Hamid et al., Wilson et al., and Kaplan et al. taken alone or as a combination provide any suggestion of including time information with captured media, biometric, and database information to create a multi-modal chronological dossier of the individual. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 13.

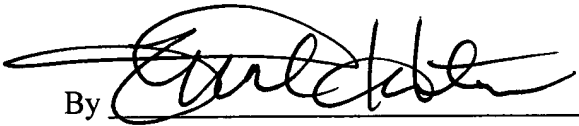
Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check

being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2350.

Respectfully submitted,

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